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ALUMNI NEWS

Class of 1971

Following graduation, **Dr. R. T. Strother** joined a 3-man mixed practice with an emphasis on dairy at the Spring Grove Veterinary Clinic in Spring Grove, Minnesota. One year later he joined another 3-man mixed practice involving hogs and confinement cattle at Sioux Center, Iowa. Dr. Strother, his wife, Patricia, and their two children; Troy—9, and Anglea—5, now live in Union, Iowa. Dr. Strother is involved in a mixed veterinary practice with Dr. Lloyd L. Bates (ISU '50). Not only does he act as a hog confinement consultant in the practice, but Dr. Strother is involved in his community as well. He is the President of the Board of Education at the Union-Whitten Community School, he serves on the Board of Directors of the South Hardin Kiwanis Club, and is a member and Deacon of the Union Community Church.

Dr. Ralph N. Lanz is active in a mixed practice in Litchfield, Ohio. He and his wife, Diane, have three children: Jeff—11, Brett—7 and Danisa—4. Dr. Lanz is a member of the Ohio VMA, AVMA, and the Society for Theriogenology. His associates are Dr. G. L. Bradford (Ohio State '57) and Dr. H. F. Barth (Ohio State '46). Previously Dr. Lanz practiced in Smithville, Ohio and New Richmond, Wisconsin which were also mixed practices.

Presently an Animal Technician Instructor at the Madison Area Technical College in Madison, Wisconsin, **Dr. Robert L. Taylor** has been teaching for four years in this capacity. In addition, he works as a part time staff Veterinarian at the Candlin Pet Hospital in association with Dr. Sara Orwick (ISU '72). Dr. Taylor was also involved in a mixed practice in Dubuque, Iowa from 1971-1972.

Following graduation from veterinary school, **Dr. James K. West** served two years in the U.S. Army, stationed in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He then returned to ISU to complete a residency in theriogenology. He received an M.S. in 1975 in Veterinary Clinical Sciences

and remained on the clinic staff until April 1976 when he moved to Waverly, Iowa to join Drs. Glen Hurley (KSU '53) and Richard Moeller (ISU '69) in private practice. Dr. West is engaged primarily in the equine and dairy portion of this three man practice. Jim and Mary (ISU '68) have two children; Heather—6 and Anne—2.

Kailua-Kona, Hawaii is what **Dr. John B. Belfrage**, his wife, Mary (ISU '69), and their daughter, Kirsten Nicole—4½, now call home. Dr. Belfrage is involved in a mixed practice, his specialization being small animals, with three other associates including Dr. Steven L. Raiser (ISU '71). Previous to this practice, he was involved in a two man small animal practice with Dr. Raiser in Kailua-Kona from 1975-1977. Before that, 1971-75 he was in the U.S. Army with duty in New Orleans and later Japan. Dr. Belfrage's group practice covers the west side of the island of Hawaii.

Dr. Jeffrey L. Johnson, his wife, Donna, and their two children; Stacy—7 and Shanna—5 are presently living in Des Moines, Iowa. He has run a mobile practice there ever since he got out of the Air Force where he worked as a veterinarian in Del Rio, Texas for 2 years and Aviano, Italy for 3 years.

Following graduation **Dr. Michael Davis** practiced three years in a mixed, predominantly large, practice in partnership with Dr. L. R. Gallentine in Gilman, IA. In June of 1974 Dr. Davis became an associate in a mixed animal practice at the Carroll Veterinary Clinic, Carroll, IA. Current co-owners are Dr. W. Blohm (ISU '59), Dr. D. Eich (ISU '68), and Dr. Davis. Dr. J. Rains (KSU '78) joined as an associate in June '78. Dr. Davis wife Nancy is a Drake University graduate in secondary education. They have one daughter, Monica—5. Dr. Davis is a member of the AVMA, IVMA, AASP, past President of Carroll Lion's Club, serves on the IVMA Practice Management Committee and is involved in various activities of the United Methodist Church.

Dr. Roger K. Mahr is engaged in a small animal practice, the Meadow View

Veterinary Clinic, in Geneva, Illinois. He is self-employed and has a wife, Marilyn. His current activities include: Secretary of the Chicago VMA, Vice President of the Humane Society of North Central Illinois, and Vice-President of the St. Charles Jaycees in St. Charles, Ill. during 1976. Dr. Mahr is an AAHA Hospital member and past director of the Geneva Lions Club and is an Administrative Board Member of the United Methodist Church in Geneva, Illinois.

Engaged in a mixed animal practice at Blue Earth, Minnesota is **Dr. R. R. Bogan**. His associates are Drs. J. C. Lundman (Minn '59) and F. B. Ledermann (Minn. '64). After graduation, Dr. Bogan joined a mixed animal practice at Osage, Iowa until 1973. He and his wife, Kay, have two children, Michelle—4 and Matthew—1½. Currently Dr. Bogan is a member of the IVMA, AVMA, AASP, and AABP.

Upon graduation, **Dr. James Wahlstrom** established a mixed practice in Appalachian, Tennessee. After 2½ years alone, he joined a 3 man practice in the "boating capital of New England," Boothbay, Maine. Aside from participation in the State Veterinarian Association, he is also a member of the Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Wahlstrom and his wife, Susan, have 3 children; Christopher—7, Sarah—6, and Nicholas—8 months old.

Dr. Gale Dressler and her husband **Dr. Robert Dressler** work in a mixed practice of seven veterinarians. Bob is one of five corporate owners of the practice and does primarily equine work with emphasis on equine reproduction. Gale is one of two employees and does primarily small animal work on a three day a week schedule. Both belong to the WCAL (of which both have been officers), state and national VMAs; in addition, Bob is an AAEP and WAEP member. Currently, Bob is the Wisconsin Equine Chairman for the Morris Animal Foundation and has been active in formulating an MAF program on foal pneumonia. Gale and Bob give numerous informational and public relation programs for breed organizations, schools and professional meetings. The Dresslers reside in Dousman, Wisconsin with their two daughters, aged 6 and 4, who are beginning an active part in the Dressler's primary hobby of raising and showing Arabian horses.

Following graduation, **Dr. Jon F. Thomas** spent 3 years in a large animal mixed practice in northern Wisconsin and southeastern Minnesota. In 1974, he and his wife joined the Peace Corps and spent over a year in Senegal, West Africa. Dr. Thomas did research on pleural pneumonia and brucellosis and assisted in clinical and surgical activities at the University of Dahar. His wife, Emily, taught English at a technical school. The Thomas' moved to Alaska in May of 1976 and have one daughter, born soon after their arrival there. Since then, Dr. Thomas has been engaged in a small animal practice at East Anchorage Veterinary Hospital in Anchorage, Alaska. He is presently Vice President of his local VMA and is serving as President of the Alaska State VMA.

Dr. Merle K. Doty is involved in a mixed practice with Dr. Darwin Kinne (ISU '68). They operate offices in Grinnell and Lynnville, Iowa. A member of the AVMA, IVMA and Eastern Iowa VMA, Dr. Doty is also on the board of directors for the Grinnell Kiwanis Club and Grinnell Chamber of Commerce plus being an adult advisor for Grinnell Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He and his wife, Gloria, have four children: Matt—9, Mark—7, Mike—5, and Susie—3.

Currently engaged in a large animal practice in Elroy, Wisconsin is **Dr. Norman Kammin**. He is associated with Dr. H. A. Wiley (PUR '67) and they deal mostly with dairy cattle plus a sprinkling of other food animals and horses. Upon graduation, Dr. Kammin was an associate of the Laurel Highlands Animal Hospital in Somerset, Pa. before moving to Wisconsin in 1973. He and his wife, Dorene (ISU '69), are the parents of two sons, Benjamin—4, and Bradford—2.

Dr. Tom Johnson has had a variety of positions before becoming involved in a small animal practice in Spencer, Iowa. He spent a year with a small animal practice in Seattle, WA followed by two years as resident and instructor at Washington State University, Department of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery, Pullman, WA. He then took a position as assistant professor at Colorado State University, Department of Small Animal Medicine and Surgery, Fort Collins, CO for eighteen months. Dr. Johnson was then a relief veterinarian in the Denver area for nine months before taking a position with

a mobile small animal practice in Fort Collins, CO. for another eighteen months. In July '78 he began his Spencer, IA practice. He is a member of the AVMA, AAHA, and Colorado VMA.

Upon graduation **Dr. Paul J. Armbrecht** entered the U.S. Army and was base veterinarian at Fort Lewis, WA for two years. He is currently practicing in Lake City, IA with his associates Dr. A. H. Mally (ISU '61), Dr. D. R. Boettcher (ISU '69), and an animal health technician. He and his wife, Marlene Pederson (ISU '70), have 3 children: Eric—5, Todd—3, and Amy—1. Dr. Armbrecht is a member of the IVMA, AVMA, and AASP. His local activities include church officer, nursery school board and coordinator for several county pork producers seminars.

In Cherry Valley, CA **Dr. Mark M. Ott** is engaged in an equine medicine and surgery practice. Dr. Ott and his wife, Pamela, have two children, Zachari—6, and Justing—1½. Dr. Ott graduated from ISU in 1971 and is currently involved with the AVMA, AAEP, and California VMA.

For one year following graduation **Dr. R. S. Youngquist** practiced with Dr. T. Johnson (U of Minn) in a dairy practice in Tyler, MN. During 1972-74 he completed a residency program in Theriogenology and is currently an assistant professor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery at the College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Missouri-Columbia. He teaches theriogenology to third and fourth year students. His research projects have included clinical investigations with gonadotropic releasing hormone and natural and synthetic prostaglandins primarily in the dairy cow and the use of the cow as a model for investigation of human antifertility agents. He is a member of Missouri VMA, AVMA, AAEP, ASAS, American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges, Society for Theriogenology, American College of Theriogenologists, and a member of the board of examiners of the College of Theriogenologists. Dr. Youngquist and his wife, Bonnie, have one son Jason, born May 11, 1978.

Dr. Steven L. Leary is a post-doctoral fellow in the Division of Comparative Medicine at John Hopkins Hospital. Currently he is involved in cancer research and has some teaching responsibilities. He is preparing to take board exams in Veterinary

Pathology and also Laboratory Animal Medicine. Prior to this position, Dr. Leary spent two and one-half years in New Guinea as a government veterinary officer-missionary. He also spent some time in a mixed practice in Chicago where he was a member of the Chicago VMA, Lake County VMA, American Association of Zoo Veterinarians, and the AVMA. Dr. and Mrs. Leary have four children: David—7, John—4, Ben—2, and Mike—1 month old.

Following graduation **Dr. R. G. (Bob) Stout** became involved in a mixed animal practice at the Alliance Animal Clinic in Alliance, NE. He bought into the corporation in 1973 and now practices with Dr. R. Jagers (CSU) and Dr. R. Brandt (CSU). Since graduation Dr. Stout has been a member of the AVMA, Nebraska VMA, AAEP, AABP, and Society for Theriogenology. Having just completed a two year term on the Board of Directors of Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association he is presently chairman of the board of trustees of the Alliance County Hospital.

For two years following graduation, **Dr. Steven L. Raiser** practiced at the Care Animal Hospital in Honolulu. In 1973, he established a solo practice, the Kona Coast Animal Clinic which became an AAHA member hospital in 1976. He incorporated with two other mixed practices in 1978, forming Veterinary Associates Inc. Dr. Raiser and his associates, Dr. W. C. Bergin (KSU '78), Dr. J. B. Belfrage (ISU '71) and Dr. A. D. Kaufman (Davis '78), practice in the western half of Big Island, Hawaii. Dr. Raiser and his wife, Ellen Kahanu, have one boy Kaipo Leigh—7, and two girls, Eucine Aulani—5, and Monica Keola—2.

Dr. Michael Holm is engaged in a mixed practice in Owatonna, MN, with his associate Dr. Ken Torrey (ISU '68). Prior to this Dr. Holm spent 13 months in an internship at the University of Minnesota Veterinary Hospital. He is a member of the AVMA, Minnesota VMA, and the Society for Theriogenology. Dr. Holm and his wife, Patty (ISU '70), have two children: Christian—4 and Courtney—2.

Dr. Don M. Carlson has been involved in a large animal practice in Princeton, Missouri since graduation. During the seven years of his practice he has been in partnership with Dr. Leo N. Slife (ISU '56). Dr. Carlson and his wife, Marilyn, have two daughters;

Dawn—9 and Robin—7. Dr. Carlson is a member of the AVMA, IVMA, Missouri VMA, and North Central Missouri Veterinary Association.

Dr. Stan Allen took a position at the University of Utah Research Institute in Biomedical Research following his graduation. In 1976 he began his current teaching position at Brigham Young University, Department of Animal Science. His research includes mastitis and toxicology. Dr. Allen is a member of the AVMA, Utah VMA, and ACVT (Fellow). He and his wife, Karen, have four children: Merilee—6½, Scott—5, Julie Ann—3½, and Michael—1½.

Dr. Marvin VanHaaften was involved in a large animal practice for three years following graduation. Currently Dr. VanHaaften operates a farrow to finish swine enterprise and practices part time. He is an NFO member, a trustee at St. John Lutheran Church and a Junior High Sunday school teacher. Dr. VanHaaften, his wife Barbara and three children: Brian—5, Martha—3, and Rebecca—1½ live on a farm east of Oskaloosa, Iowa, next to Lake Keomah.

Dr. Robert C. Rosenthal is involved in a small animal practice in Norton, Massachusetts. He is the past President of Southeastern Massachusetts VMA. Dr. Rosenthal has two children, Gretchen—6 and Nathan—4.

Dr. Wayne Freese is engaged in a mixed practice at Worthington, Minnesota. Associated with him are Dr. L. L. Shane, Dr. L. K. Schwartz (Minn), Dr. Conrad Schmidt (Minn), Dr. J. J. Dejong (Auburn) and Dr. Craig Reiffer (ISU '77). He is a member of the IVMA, AASP, Fraternity Lodge No. 101, El Riad Shrine Temple (Sioux Falls, S.D.) and Worthington Turkey Day Board of Directors. Dr. Freese and his wife, Karen, have two children, Daniel—10, and Marc—9.

Dr. Kelley J. Donham is currently Associate Professor, Department of Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health, and Chief of the Comparative Medicine Section of the Institute of Agricultural Medicine and Environmental Health, College of Medicine, University of Iowa. He teaches graduate and medical students, plus resident physicians in issues of rural health and agricultural medicine. His research includes relationships between

bovine and human leukemia and health hazards in livestock confinement buildings. Dr. Donham and his wife, Jean, are expecting their first child in February.

He is currently a member of the IVMA and AVMA, International Association of Rural Medicine, Association of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, Public Health Association, Society for Occupational and Environmental Health, Association of Teachers of Veterinary Public Health and Preventive Medicine, and the Johnson County Medical Society. Dr. Donham also serves as diplomate to the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine, is a member of the Special Advisory Panel to the Iowa Department of Environmental Quality, and is a leader of an Explorer post in veterinary medicine. Shortly after graduation he moved to eastern Kentucky where he served as veterinarian for a feeder pig and rabbit raising cooperative. He went on active duty in the Army and spent two years in Washington, D.C., assigned to Walter Reed Army Medical Center before moving back to Iowa City and his present position.

The next issue will feature the Class of 1972.

Other Classes

Dr. Harry E. Biester, 85, a former professor of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University, died July 7, 1978 in Cedar Rapids.

Dr. Biester was born Dec. 13, 1892, in Chicago, Ill. and was married to the former Miriam Entwisle on Sept. 10, 1921, in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Biester graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and became an instructor in veterinary medicine at ISU in 1922. He was the associate director of the Veterinary Medical Institute from 1945-1959 at ISU, and received the faculty citation in 1961.

Dr. Biester was a member of the IVMA, AVMA, Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Phi, the Conference of Research Workers of North America, the American College of Veterinary Pathology, the Iowa Academy of Science and the Osborn Research Club. Dr. Biester was also a World War I veteran.

Dr. Robert G. Gray (ISU '56) of Bloomington, Indian, died on Jan. 23, 1978.

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modified to give better results from the specific lot of stain used.

4. Stand the slides on end, air dry (or blot very carefully).

If performed correctly, the red blood cells should look yellowish-red and the neutrophils should have dark purple nuclei, reddish-lilac granules, and pale pink cytoplasm.¹¹

Should one forget and leave the stain and buffer solution on too long (20-30 minutes), the cells may become over-stained. In such cases the slide may be saved by soaking it in rubbing alcohol for about 10 minutes and allowing it to dry. It can then be stained in the usual manner.³

There are faster and simpler methods to perform Wright's staining. One method is the Coplin Jar technique where the Wright's stain and buffer are kept in separate coplin jars with screw lids. The slide is simply placed into the jar of Wright's stain for 2-5 minutes and then transferred directly to the jar containing the buffer for 2-5 minutes. The slide is then rinsed with buffer or distilled water and air dried. This method's advantage over the others is that less trouble is encountered with precipitate on the stained film.⁵

A coplin jar filled with methanol may be used to fix the slides before staining. However, utmost care must be taken to ensure that this methanol remains free from water. It must be covered when not in use and it must be changed regularly. Anhydrous copper sulfate can be added to decrease water uptake by the methanol.⁶

A number of quick stains are available commercially which require only a few seconds to obtain permanent preparation. Generally these stains can be recommended for use by the busy practitioner. Delicate staining characteristics of specific granules and other fine cytological features appear to be less evident in films stained via these methods.⁵

The technique of producing a properly made, properly stained blood smear is a vital tool in diagnostic medicine. It is hoped that this discussion has helped those who wish to utilize this laboratory examination.

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Dr. Dennis J. Carr (ISU '56), a private veterinary practitioner in Montfort, Wisconsin, was elected chairman of the Executive Board of the AVMA for 1978-79. The Executive Board is the governing body of the 29,607-member national professional association.

A native of Iowa, Dr. Carr is active in the AABP, Wisconsin Cattlemen's Association, and Wisconsin Agribusiness Council. He is also president of Carr Farms, Inc. which owns a beef and dairy farm.

Active for many years in local affairs, Dr. Carr has served five 2 year terms on the Montfort Town Board, as 4-H leader, and as president of the Lay Council of St. Thomas Catholic Church of Montfort.

Dr. Lloyd V. Fry (ISU '37) recently retired from his position with Clemson University, as chief of the South Carolina meat-poultry inspection department, with which he had been associated for the past 10 years. He retired from the Army in June '68 as Colonel with 30 years service. Looking forward to this retirement, Dr. Fry and his wife will continue to live in Columbia, S.C.